(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Development of National Capital Region Plan

429. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Capital Region Plan under development;

(b) the progress made so far under the plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress made under the said plan has been tardy so far ; and

(d) the steps being taken to step up the work of the project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Regional Plan prepared by the National Capital Region Planning Board proposes an inter-related set up policies providing for decongested and manageable Delhi, regional land-use and settlement policy, regional transport network, development of physical & social infrastructure and identification and Counter-magnet towns for induced development to absorb the likely migrants to Delhi.

(b) Regional Plan has been prepared and notified on 23-1-1989. For implementation of this Plan an investment Plan has also been prepared.

(c) and (d) So far, 50 schemes have been financially assisted by the NCR Planning Board in Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The total investment on these so far is Rs. 117.63 crores.

New farm policy for better deal to farmers

430. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out a new farm policy to provide a better deal to farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) As part of the new farm policy, the Government have initiated action on evolving a series of measures to ensure better deal for the farmers by way of remunerative prices, strategy for generation of export surpluses and study of the feasibility of treating agriculture as industry, refinements in the comprehensive crop insurance scheme, providing adequate credit and improving marketing infrastructure by way of setting up of rural godowns and overall securing about 50% of the plan outlays for agriculture and rural areas.

Anomaly in the pay-scale of Junior Engineers in the Central Public Works Department

431. SHRI NARAYANKAR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to remove the anomaly in the pay scale of the Junior Engineers of the CPWD; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) There is no anomaly in the pay sclaes of the Junior Engineers in the Central Public Works Department. However, the demand of the Junior Engineers for a uniform pay scale is under consideration.

Increase in the supply of water in Delhi

432. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been worked out for increasing the supply of water to the residence of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the some and by when those are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that it has planned taken several long term measures and short term measures scheduled for completion within the current years to increase the supply of drinking water in Delhi. Some of the measuresr are:—

Short term measures :

(i) Construction of 180 MLD water treatment plant at Wazirabad. First phase already completed.

(ii) Construction of 54 MLD Iron Removal Water Treatment Plant at Okhla.

(iii) Construction of 5 ranney wells in Alipur expected to yield about 67.50 MLD.

Long term measures :

(i) Construction of second 450 MLD Water Treatment plant at Haiderpur (2 years).

(ii) Construction of 180 MLD (40 MGD) water treatment plant at Nangloi (2-3 years).

(iii) Construction of 450 MLD water treatment plant at Gokulpuri in trans-Yamuna (5-6 years).

Concessions and facilities to Neo-Buddhists

433. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extent to Neo-Buddhists the concenssions and facilities accorded to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 1990 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders to remove bar on Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism from being deemed to be members of Scheduled Castes.

Steps to prevent exploitation of Indian Labour Employed Overseas

434. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent exploitation of Indian Labour employed overseas; and